Nepali Janadhikar Suraksha Samiti (Bharat), Nepali Jansampark Samiti, Bharat Nepal Janekta Manch etc. have appealed to the Government for release of Nepali citizens from Indian jails. The cases of such prisoners are to be dealt with as per the laws of the land.

Additional Batallions of Para-military forces

†2792. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise additional battalions of para-military forces, keeping in view the growing terrorist attacks and activities in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to put a check on the terrorist activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Based on operational requirements to deal with internal security situations and terrorist activities, the Central Government reviews the requirements of forces from time to time.

(b) In order to combat the menace of terrorism, the Government has been pursuing a multi dimenstional policy that includes strengthening of border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment for security forces both at the Centre and in the States, undertaking well coordinated intelligence based operations in neutralizing terrorist activities. Besides, steps have also been taken to achieve bilateral and multilateral cooperation in this regard given the global dimensions of terrorism.

Demand for additional powers by Delhi Government

2793. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of NCT of Delhi has demanded additional powers, especially in the matter of law and order, police and urban development;

(b) if so, the precise demand made by that Government and the ground adduced in support thereof; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The Chief Minister of Delhi has through her letter dated 13.02.06 represented for devolution of more administrative powers and specifically for withdrawal of two circulars issued by Govt. of India dated July 25, 2002 and August 29, 2002 concerning Transaction of Business Rules on the ground that these have eroded the autonomy of the Govt. of NCT of Delhi and has created confusion.

The representation made by the Chief Minister is under consideration.

Violation of traffic rules in Delhi

†2794. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether flagrant violations of the traffic rules are going on in Delhi;

(b) whether some anti-social elements in collusion with the traffic police are involved in illegal parking of two-wheelers, three wheelers and four wheelers between Bishambher Homeo Clinic at Pandit Pant Marg and Gol Dak Khana, along the footpaths, despite being No Parking Zones throughout the day;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when the administration would set it right; and

(d) what action would be taken against the Police Officials responsible for the same so that such type of incidents are not repeated in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Delhi Traffic Police personnel are deployed on major intersections on Delhi roads for smooth flow of traffic. As regards Pandit Pant Marg, any motor vehicle found to be obstructing the flow of traffic is towed away by Delhi Traffic Police and legal action under the provision of law is taken against the violators. The details of challan made against improper parking on Pandit Pant Marg during the year 2005 and upto 15th July, 2006 are as under

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